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### Professional Summary

Mechanical engineer with 45+ years of experience across military and civil aviation, airport development, and public-sector transport and energy leadership. International Airport Professional (IAP) accredited through ICAO/ACI AMPAP, with extensive expertise in airport planning, infrastructure investments, concessions, regulatory oversight, and flight operations (CPL/FI). Former aviation and energy sector head and assistant minister in the Government of the Republic of Serbia; currently provides consulting services in aviation and energy.

### Key Competencies

- Airport planning, development, and operations (international and regional airports)
- Infrastructure investment programs and capital project leadership
- Airport concession preparation and implementation support
- Aviation regulation, inspections, and safety oversight
- Flight operations: commercial pilot and flight instructor (CPL/FI)
- Energy sector policy and power system management (electric power sector)
- Renewable energy and hybrid power generation project consulting
- Stakeholder management across government, operators, and international partners

### Professional Experience

#### Owner / Consultant – Private Consulting Company (Aviation & Energy)

Serbia | 2022–Present (retired January 2025)

- Provides advisory services in aviation and energy, supporting development, regulatory, and investment initiatives.
- Consultant on renewable energy generation capacity projects, including a 1,200 MW hybrid solar power plant concept for UGT Renewables.

#### Assistant Minister (Electric Power Sector) – Ministry of Mining and Energy, Republic of Serbia

Belgrade, Serbia | 2020–2022

- Led the Ministry's electric power sector portfolio at national level.
- Supported policy development and coordination with key stakeholders in the power system and energy market.

#### President, Board of Directors – Engineering Chamber of the Republic of Serbia

Serbia | 2018–2020

- Chaired the Board of Directors, supporting professional standards and governance for the engineering profession.

#### Member of the Assembly – Air Traffic Control of Serbia and Montenegro (SMATSA)

Serbia & Montenegro | 2016–2021

#### Assistant Minister – Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Republic of Serbia

Belgrade, Serbia | 2014–2020

- Head of sector for Air Transport; additionally led the Ministry’s Inspection Affairs sector and the sector for Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- Prepared the Civil Aviation Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia (adopted; currently in effect).
- Prepared the National Airport Development Program of the Republic of Serbia and the “Album of Serbian Airports”.
- Led the expert team of the Republic of Serbia for the concession of Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport; developed the conceptual solution for maneuvering area configuration adopted as the technological basis for concession implementation (recognized as best-in-Europe concession in 2019).

#### Director of Investments – Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport

Belgrade, Serbia | 2004–2014

- Led airport capital investments and infrastructure development initiatives.
- Contributed to airport planning and development across multiple Serbian and regional airports (including Belgrade, Niš, Kraljevo/Morava, Ponikve, Čenej, Veliko Gradište, Pranjani, Kruševac, Trebinje, Kostolac), Airports of Montenegro Podgorica and Tivat

#### Secretary General – Association of Engineering and Technical Societies, Municipality of Požarevac

Požarevac, Serbia | 1997–2002

- During his term, the Association was recognized as the best in the Republic of Serbia.
- Hydraulics designer on the Kostolac–Požarevac district heating pipeline project, including multiple sites in Požarevac and surrounding villages.

#### Officer / Flight engineer – Yugoslav People’s Army / Yugoslav Army

1980–1994

- Military aviation officer; later continued as professional pilot engagement in civil aviation.
- 45+ years of overall flight experience; Flight Instructor (CPL/FI) and lecturer for aviation-technical subjects.

#### Education

- Master of Technical Sciences (MSc), Mechanical Engineering – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (2017)

- Specialist Studies, Mechanical Engineering – University of Belgrade, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (2012)
- JAT Flight Academy - Vršac (1996)
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (aeronautical MSC) – University of Belgrade (1994)
- Aviation Technical Military Academy II, Žarkovo–Belgrade (1994)
- Aviation Technical Military Academy, Rajlovac (1988)
- Aviation Technical Secondary Military School, Rajlovac (1980)
- Primary School, Požarevac (1976)

#### Certifications & Professional Development

- International Airport Professional (IAP) – ICAO/ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP), in cooperation with John Molson School of Business (2008)
- Holds multiple professional-level aviation certificates (details available upon request), including CPL/FI (Commercial Pilot Licence / Flight Instructor)

#### Selected Aviation Projects & Achievements

- Airport planning and development work across Belgrade, Niš, Kraljevo (Morava), Trebinje, Kostolac, Kruševac, Ponikve, Čenej, Veliko Gradište and Pranjani.
- Coordinated activities during the construction of airports in Kostolac, Kruševac, Veliko Gradište and Trebinje, and supported operational readiness activities for Niš, Morava (Kraljevo), Ponikve (Užice) and Pranjani (Gornji Milanovac).
- Developed the conceptual maneuvering-area configuration for Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport adopted as the technological basis for concession implementation.
- Completed ICAO/ACI AMPAP and achieved IAP designation (noted as the first recipient in Europe per personal records).

#### Selected Energy Projects & Achievements

- Hydraulics designer on the Kostolac–Požarevac district heating pipeline project.
- Consultant on renewable energy generation projects (RES), including a 1.200 MW hybrid solar power plant concept.

#### Skills & Languages

- Language: English
- Driving licence: A, B, C, E
- Former owner of a private computer training school (1990s); founded a private pilot school (2000)

#### Personal Details

Date and place of birth: 15 February 1962, Požarevac, Serbia